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1. COSTA RICAN FONMIN FACIO SAID FOLLOWING
DURING GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT OCTOBER 2:

QUOTE: COSTA RICA ENCOURAGES THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE
KOREAN PEOPLE TO A PROMPT REUNIFICATION OF THEIR
ANCIENT COUNTRY, TODAY DIVIDED INTO TWO STATES: THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA, IN THE SOUTH, AND THE DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, IN THE NORTH. WE, TOO,
IN COSTA RICA WOULD LIKE THIS REUNIFICATION TO BE
CARRIED OUT THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS, WITHOUT FOREIGN
INTERFERENCE, AND BY THE APPLICATION OF A FORMULA
OF THE KOREANS THEMSELVES, WHICH WILL ALLOW ALL OF
THEM FREELY TO DECIDE ON WHAT THEY BEST PREFER FOR THE

ORGANIZATION OF A SINGLE STATE OF KOREA, AND ON THE
FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
STRUCTURE THAT WILL BE BEST SUITED TO THE PRESENT
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HISTORICAL REALITY AND THE JUST ASPIRATIONS OF THAT

SORELY BESET NATION.

THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE RED CROSS OF THE NORTH AND OF THE SOUTH OF KOREA, WHICH STARTED IN 1971, AND WHICH FORTUNATELY CULMINATED IN JULY 1972 WITH A JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND WITH THE FORMATION OF A NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WAS A MATTER OF GRATIFICATION TO US. WE TRUST THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THEM WILL CONTINUE TO BE GOVERNED BY A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES THAT FOR 27 YEARS HAVE KEPT THE KOREAN PEOPLE DIVIDED INTO TWO NATIONS.

THAT DIRECT DIALOGUE CAN ADVANTAGEOUSLY REPLACE THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA. AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOPE THAT I EXPRESSED EARLIER THAT IT WILL BE THE KOREANS THEMSELVES WHO WILL SOLVE THEIR GREAT PROBLEM, MY COUNTRY IS READY TO VOTE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THAT COMMISSION AS ITS OWN MEMBERS HAVE RECOMMENDED TO THE ASSEMBLY.

HOWEVER, MY DELEGATION DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE MOMENT HAS NOW ARRIVED TO DISSOLVE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN KOREA CREATED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 84 (1950) OF 7 JULY 1950. OUR VIEW IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THAT JOINT COMMAND WAS THE ONE REPRESENTING THE UNITED NATIONS, AND AS THE ONLY COUNTERPART OF THE FORCES OF NORTH KOREA AND OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SIGNED THE ARMISTICE IN 1953. FOR THAT REASON WE BELIEVE THAT THE PREMATURE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMAND, BEFORE NEGOTIATION ON AGREEMENTS CONSTITUTING A VALID ALTERNATIVE TO THE ARMISTICE, MIGHT ENDANGER ALL THE COMPLICATED ARRANGEMENTS THAT HAVE KEPT THE CEASE-FIRE IN FORCE FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS.

THE COSTA RICAN DELEGATION, OF COURSE, DESIROUS OF HAVING THE KOREANS SETTLE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS THEMSELVES, WOULD BE READY TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF
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THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AT THE MOMENT WHEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO KOREAN STATES OFFICIALLY NOTIFY THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT THEY CONSIDER THE COMMAND NO LONGER NECESSARY.

SINCE THE QUESTION OF KOREA APPEARS ON THE AGENDA OF THE ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR, WE TRUST THAT IN THE DEBATE THAT WILL BE HELD ON THE MATTER,

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO KOREAN STATES WILL PARTICIPATE, ENJOYING BOTH THE SAME RIGHTS AND THE SAME OBLIGATIONS.

COSTA RICA HAS REPEATEDLY STATED ITS ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY FOR OUR ORGANIZATION. WE BELIEVE THAT FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD AND FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IT IS INDISPENSABLE THAT ALL INDEPENDENT STATES WITH DULY RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENTS OF THEIR OWN BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP. IT IS FOR THOSE REASONS THAT MY DELEGATION IS READY TO SUPPORT WARMLY THE ADMISSION OT THE UNITED NATIONS OF BOTH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA. MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT FULL PARTICIPATION IN OUR WORK BY THE TWO KOREAN STATES, FAR FROM BEING AN OBSTACLE, WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO HOLD NEW DIALOGUES AND CONVERSATIONS FOR THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE GREAT KOREAN NATION. END QUOTE.
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